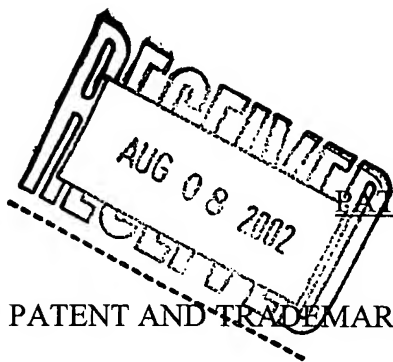


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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the following U.S. Application:

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A copy of the above-cited application is enclosed.

FEE STATEMENT

No fee or statement is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to the last of (1) issuance of a first official action on the merits or (2) expiration of the three month period following filing of the above-captioned application.

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that the Examiner indicate in the next official communication indicating that such information has been considered.

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